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**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the notice of restriction dated January 23, 2004, applicant herewith elects the group I claims 1, 3-14 and 18, with traverse. The reason for traversal is that it is respectfully suggested that the group 2 claims, while independent and distinct from group I, are nonetheless linked to the group 1 claims and can not be logically separated therefrom. The reasons follow. Group 2 is recited as being a

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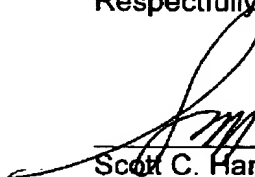
subcombination that increases security for each failed login attempt. This depends from the elected claim 1, which recites exactly this. According to claim 6, a failure processing routine increases security for each of the plurality of times when a login fails.

A notice on the merits is requested.

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